The Tennessee Section of the NCSLI met on June 26, 2012 at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville, Tennessee. The meeting included presentations by Fluke Calibration, and Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology, LLC. Company experts on topics including surface finish, spectrum analyzer calibrations, precision resistance thermometer drift and RF connector care.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a round-table discussion focusing on technician training needs. The discussion panel included metrology managers from major regional employers of metrology technicians who each discussed their current workforce, expected retirements, replacements over the near and far term, and the basic skill sets needed to support their operations. Also discussed were current methods used by these organizations for on-the-job and formal training for technicians.

Representatives from local community colleges and four-year universities attended the meeting as well and provided their inputs. Manufacturer representatives also discussed potential partnerships to support the integration of metrology topics into associate degree programs in mechanical and electrical engineering technology curricula.

The meeting closed with a tour of the laboratories at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College Electrical Engineering Technology program facilities.